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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Specialist *DJensen*

RE: Site Inspection, Standard Gypsum Products, Inc., Bloomington Hills Mine, S/053/007, Washington County, Utah

Date of Inspection: October 17, 2002
Time of Inspection: 9:00 a.m.
Conditions: Cloudy, Warm
Participants: Scott Gubler, Standard Gypsum Products; Doug Jensen, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

This inspection was made to discuss a Division Notice of Non-Compliance and Division Order issued September 18, 2002 with Mr. Gubler.

Getting to the site:

Refer to inspection memo dated July 17, 2002.

Observations:

No reclamation had been completed at the site.

I met with Mr. Gubler at his office in the Deseret Laboratories Building. We discussed the work that would need to be completed at the site in order to obtain a release of Standard Gypsum's SMO permit.

We rode out to the site to assess the conditions and work that would need to be completed to satisfy the Division Order to complete the release.

The site is located on a ridge top; the material from the mining effort had cascaded down on both sides. Reclamation of the site will be difficult because much of the material is large boulders which is difficult to bring back to the top of the ridge. Many of the gypsum boulders have weathered and look as if they will readily break down when reclamation is initiated.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

After some thought on a method to reclaim this area, I believe that use of a large trackhoe would be the best piece of equipment to complete the work. A trackhoe would allow the

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operator to reach over the side of the ridge on either side and bring back some of the cascaded material. This material could then be used to reduce the small area of disturbance on the ridge top.

Mr. Gubler explained that the equipment that he would need to complete the work is not presently in the area. He felt that it would be in the area within the next couple of months. I feel that this would be acceptable due to the fact that the site is located in St. George and recontouring work could be completed most any time of the year.

Mr. Gubler indicated that he would notify me when the equipment becomes available so that I could provide some assistance in completing the work required by the Division's Notice of Non-Compliance and Division Order.

I spoke to Mr. John Blake of SITLA and he indicated that because Standard Gypsum no longer has a valid lease on this property, SITLA should be contacted to work out the details concerning a right-of-entry. This should be completed before any reclamation work is initiated. Mr. Blake can be contacted at (801) 538-5152.

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